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Subj: VISION STATEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTING SAFETY MANAGEMENT
SYSTEMS ABOARD CIVILIAN MARINER MANNED SHIPS

Ref: (a) The International Management Code for the Safe
Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention
(ISM Code)

1. Purpose. To provide a vision statement for implementing
Safety Management Systems (SMSs) aboard civilian mariner manned
ships.

2. Background. SMSs provide a framework for managing shipboard
and shoreside processes that relate to safe and environmentally
compliant operations. The vision statement establishes that MSC
will implement SMSs onboard civilian mariner manned ships.

3. Discussion. The vision statement for implementing SMSs
aboard civilian mariner manned ships is:

a. MSC will implement a Safety Management System (SMS) as
the Command's standard approach to safe, effective, and
environmentally responsible vessel management for all MSC
vessels. The Contract Operator is responsible for maintaining
International Safety Management (ISM) certification per the
requirements of the ISM Code in reference (a) on all Government-
owned/Contract-operated vessels. The MSC organization is
responsible for SMS implementation and maintenance on all
Government-owned/Government-operated ships.

b. ISM certification in the form of Documents of Compliance
and Safety Management Certificates issued by the American Bureau
of Shipping (ABS) will be pursued on a ship class basis where
practical and beneficial to the Command. For ship classes where
certification is not practical or cost effective, the SMS will
be adopted as a management model providing structure to
procedures implemented by the Program Manager.

c. MSC's SMS will be modeled after the requirements of the
ISM Code.

4. Action. Implementing SMSs on Government-owned/Government-operated ships is a Command priority. The Command's senior managers will allocate sufficient resources to ensure its success and are directed to lead their staffs in its development and implementation.



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